

Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chair of the House Rules Committee, praised First Lady Michelle Obama's speech today on how health care reform will help women and families.

"I was excited to hear the First Lady talk about the need for health care reform, and how reform will help protect women," said Slaughter. "It is outrageous that a woman can be denied coverage because she was a victim of domestic abuse, or had a caesarean. Worse yet, even if she gets coverage it will often not include important procedures such as mammograms. One of the most important reforms in H.R. 3200 is to prohibit these types of discrimination, and ensure that women in America receive the quality health care they deserve."